Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state,-

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs required for the manufacture of Selvigon tablets, Neosporin eye drops and Actidil tablets;

(b) whether all these drugs have been price decontrolled;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price increase between 65 per cent to 105 per cent of these medicines has no justification; and

(d) what is the purpose of monitoring the prices of products when unjustified price increases are not brought back under price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) To the extent information is available the required details are given in the attached statement. (See below).

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations are free to revise the prices of their products as per provisions of DPC, 1987.

(d) On the intervention of the Government, the price of the Neosporin has been reduced by the company.

Statement

St. No.	Product	Company	Bulk Drugs
1.	Selvigon Tablets	German Remedies	Pipazethate Hcl.
2.	Neosoprin Eye Drops	Burroughs Wellcome	1. Polymxyin B. Sulphate 2. Neomycin Sulphate 3. Gramicidin
3.	Actidil Tablets	Burroughs Wellcome	Triprclidtne Hcl.

Controlling the Prices of Raricap, etc.

2699. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2298 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1987 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that all the drugs going into the manufacture of Raricap, Autrin, Livogen, Fefol and Dumasules are exempted from *price* control; and

(b) if so, what is the method of controlling the prices of these medicines when inputs are out of price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prices of these medicines will be determined as per provisions of paragraph 6 and 7 of the DPCO, 1987.

Cellular Phones for Rural Areas

2700. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government for introducing cellular phones for rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the provision of cellular phones in the rural areas is a priority item?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes,, Sir. Celular System is one of the technologies that is being considered for providing telephones in the rural areas.

(b) The Cellular System envisages provision of telephones by means of radio instead of using long overhead wires for providing telephone. This technology was initially used for urban areas in other countries and now this is being extended to rural areas for providing fast, reliable and fault free telephone service.

(c) Provision of telephone facilities in the rural areas is a priority item. Cellular technology is one of the various means with which this can be achieved. The actual technology to be used will depend upon techno-econo-mic studies, of individual cases.

Setting up New Refineries in Andhra Coastal Towns

2701. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether in view of the increase in the production of Oil and Natural Gas in the country under different new projects, there is a proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of new refineries;

(b) if so, whether there is a Proposal to set up any new refineries in one of the Andhra Coastal towns; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM); (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Applications for Allotment of Gas Agencies and Petrol Pumps

2702. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:
SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications for allotment of LPG agencies and petrol pumps have been received from various parts of Gujarat, Bombay, Maharashtra and Delhi during the period from 1st January, 1985 to 29th February, 1988;

(b) how many of the applicants are (1) women (2) War widows (3) Ex-servicemen (4) Deaf (5) Dumb (6) Blind (7) disabled persons or belong to the (8) Scheduled Castes/Tribes (9) Backward/Minority Communities; and

(c) the details of the gas agencies and pertol pumps given during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) In view of the fact that during the period between January 1, 1985 and February 29, 1988 around 340 locations for LPG distributorships and Retail Outlet dealerships were advertised by the Oil Industry and several applications are usually received against each advertisement, the effort involved in compilation of the information would not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be served;